Rationalisation of project allocation among states

2534. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to rationalize project allocation among various States particularly Punjab State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Since 2002-03, available funds to various projects are being allocated based on State-wise formula in which weightage of 15% each is given to area and population and balance 70% a throwforward of projects in the State. From 2006-07, doubling and Railway Electrification works have been kept out of the purview of this formula.

Accidents due to over utilisation of tracks

2535. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the over utilization of Railway tracks are instrumental for Railway accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that rejected wagon/coaches are reused more and more in the jurisdiction of Southern Railway;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more accidents happen in Southern Railway; and

(d) whether the causes have been analysed and corrective measures have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.'

(d) Yes, Sir. Each and every train accident is inquired into either departmentally or by Commissioner of Railway Safety depending upon seriousness of the accident. The staff held responsible according to the